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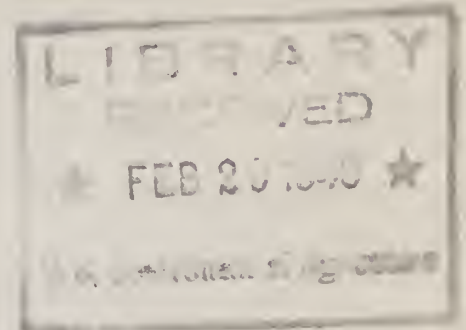
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MEMORANDUM TO LIBRARIANS



Some difficulty in obtaining copies of the Yearbooks of Agriculture for 1938 and 1939 have been reported to us by those who request them.

The 1938 Yearbook of Agriculture carries the title, "Soils and Men." The 1939 Yearbook is entitled "Food and Life." Both books, however, still carry the title "Yearbook of Agriculture", and they are in continuation of the regular Yearbook series.

Very often the books are requested specifically by the subject matter titles, "Soils and Men", or "Food and Life." That may be why some difficulties have developed. Perhaps libraries have not always made the necessary cross references in catalogs and other records to show that the volumes, "Soils and Men" for 1938, and "Food and Life" for 1939, are the Yearbooks of Agriculture.

It would help the public and distributing agencies, particularly the offices of Members of Congress, if cross references from the titles of the Yearbooks were made in all records of Department publications.

I assure you that we will appreciate anything you can do to avoid confusion among those who request these important volumes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. C. Merrill".

M. C. Merrill,
Chief of Publications.

